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SUBJECT: 32ND UNGA: SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPC)

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1. CANADIAN MISOFF HAS GIVEN US OCT 13 ADVANCE COPY OF THEIR DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ITEM 54 ON EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION (TEXT TRANSMITTED BELOW). AS THE NEW AUSTRALIAN SPC REPRESENTATIVE IS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE ATOMIC RADIATION TOPIC, THE CANADIANS HAVE PREPARED DRAFT RESOLUTION THIS YEAR. IT HAS BEEN SHOWN TO THE AUSTRALIAN REP AND USUN MISOFF AND WILL BE CIRCULATED IN DRAFT TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UN SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION (UNSCEAR) FOR POSSIBLE CO-SPONSORSHIP. AS NO SPEAKERS HAVE SO FAR BEEN INSCRIBED FOR THE FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING OF THE SPC THE AFTERNOON OF OCT 17, THE CANADIANS PLAN TO PRESENT IT THE MORNING OF OCT 18. THE EARLIEST IT MIGHT COME TO A VOTE WOULD BE THE FOLLOWING DAY.

2. ESSENTIALLY, THE DRAFT IS AN UPDATE OF LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION WITH THE ADDITION OF A NEW OPERATIVE  
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PARAGRAPH (#2) COMMENDING THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE FOR ITS WORK. LIKE THE 1976 RESOLUTION WHICH THE US SUPPORTED, THE DRAFT APPEARS NON-CONTROVERSIAL.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DEPT GUIDANCE FOR THE USUN VOTE AND A STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION OF VOTE AS DISCUSSED WITH IO/SCT.

4. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION.

QUOTE

DRAFT RESOLUTION

EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 913 (X) OF 3 DECEMBER 1955, BY WHICH IT ESTABLISHED THE UNITED NATIONS SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON THE EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION, AND ITS SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTIONS ON THE SUBJECT, IN PARTICULAR RESOLUTION 31/10 OF 12 NOVEMBER 1976.

RAFFIRMING THE DESIRABILITY OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE CONTINUING ITS WORK,

CONCERNED ABOUT THE POTENTIALLY HARMFUL EFFECTS ON PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS RESULTING FROM THE LEVELS OF RADIATION TO WHICH MAN IS EXPOSED,

CONSCIOUS OF THE CONTINUING NEED FOR COMPILING INFORMATION ABOUT ATOMIC RADIATION AND FOR ANALYSING ITS EFFECTS ON MAN AND HIS ENVIROMENT,  
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RECOGNIZING THAT BOTH THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME DERIVE VALUE FROM THEIR MUTAL CO-OPERATION;

1. NOTES WITH APPRECIATION THE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON THE EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION: #1#

2. COMMENDS THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE FOR THE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION IT IS MAKING TO WIDER KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE LEVELS AND EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION;

3. REQUESTS THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE ITS WORK, INCLUDING ITS IMPORTANT CO-ORDINATION ACTIVITIES, TO INCREASE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LEVELS AND EFFECTS OF ATOMIC RADIATION FROM ALL SOURCES;

4. REQUESTS THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE TO REPORT TO THE 33RD SESSION ON ITS PROGRESS AND ITS RECOMMENDATION WHEN THE NEXT COMPREHENSIVE REPORT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED;

5. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION FOR THE ASSISTANCE RENDERED TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE BY MEMBER STATES, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC AGENCY AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS;

6. REQUESTS ALL MEMBER STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED TO CONTINUE TO SUPPLY TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE FURTHER DATA RELEVANT TO ITS WORK, WITH A VIEW TO FACILITATING THE PREPARATION BY THE COMMITTEE OF ITS REPORTS;

7. NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE AND THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIROMENT PROGRAMME, PARTICULARLY ON PROJECTS TO WHICH THE COMMITTEE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION;

8. REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIROMENT PROGRAMME TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE WITH THE FULL SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR THE EFFECTIVE CONDUCT OF ITS WORK AND FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF ITS FINDINGS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY AND THE PUBLIC.

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